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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CISCO II

REF: JIDDA 1028

1. IT APPEARS TO US FAR PREFERABLE THAT CISCO II BE RE-
LEASED IN SUDAN, ON PATTERN OF FALASCHI AND THE TWO HONG
KONG CHINESE, THAN IN JIDDA. THIS APPEARS MUCH SAFER THAN
RED SEA PASSAGE, WHICH, APART FROM PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN
SMALL VESSEL CROSSING, WOULD RUN RISK OF EPMG ATTACK ON
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PLF BOAT. CLEARLY, WE WILL HAVE TO ACCEPT RED SEA ROUTE,

OR ROUTE THROUGH SUDAN TO JIDDA, IF PLF REFUSES RELEASE ON ANY OTHER BASIS, BUT AT THIS STAGE WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD WEIGH IN WITH OUR PREFERENCE FOR RELEASE IN SUDAN ON SAFETY, SIMPLICITY AND CONVENIENCE GROUNDS.

2. UNLESS EMBASSIES JIDDA OR KHARTOUM PERCEIVE OBJECTION, FORMER SHOULD MAKE ABOVE POINTS TO FOREIGN MINISTRY AND ASK SARG TO TRY TO PERSUADE PLF TO RELEASE CISCO II IN SUDAN. KISSINGER

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